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Senate and the Peace Treaty.

The probability that the peace treaty will be confirmed at the present session of the senate increases each day, even the opposition and those who advocated delay by lengthy debates coming to the wise conclusion that the treaty should be ratified as soon as practicable, with a view to the settlement of the question of the disposition of the Philippines after they come formally into our possession. This is in line with the recommendation by the President and it certainly would avoid complications to a large extent.

Opposition to the treaty does not settle these questions, nor can they be settled until they are presented for settlement. Propositions for the government of Cuba, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico cannot be considered until the terms of the treaty are complied with. We cannot legislate for territory that cannot be ours until the treaty is ratified by both governments. To reject the treaty would reopen the whole matter and involve us in untold complications with foreign powers. This realization is affecting the opponents to the extent that they are growing in the belief that ratification is the first thing to be done, in order to relieve the country of embarrassment and to leave the problems of government to come up for settlement after proper deliberation, free from outside influences—in short, to solve questions in our own way and by ourselves.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that the friends of the treaty in the senate, in their close observance of the developments in the opposition, have found that the names of the signers to the memorials against the annexation of the Philippines presented to the senate number less than 2,000, distributed among about twenty-two states, nearly three-fourths of them coming from the single state of Massachusetts. The remaining 500 are distributed among the other twenty-one states, which furnish from one signer to 191 each, the state of West Virginia furnishing the latter figure. This does not speak well for the strength of the cause of those who were going to present to the senate a national protest which would take in the masses of the people. This disappointed expectation is not without its significance.

Libel of the Attorney General.

In the face of a letter it publishes, written by Attorney General Rucker, denying the falsehood that he said that if he were governor he would not permit Logan, of Monroe county, to take his seat in the legislature, even if it became necessary to use the military force to prevent him from entering the capitol, the Register, in the adjoining column editorially repeats the libel and refuses to accept the attorney general's denial.

This is honorable fairness with a vengeance. Mr. Rucker declares he never uttered such a sentiment and that the story is made out of whole cloth, but the Register sticks to the falsehood furnished it by its Charleston correspondent. Notwithstanding Mr. Rucker states over his own signature what he did say, and his reasons therefor; that he desires the Logan case decided by the supreme court of appeals of the state, and that if that court decides Logan was elected no one will more cheerfully submit to the decision than he, the Register, on the same page of its paper, reiterates that statement attributed to the attorney general, and for which it has not the slightest grounds for believing.

The statement from Mr. Rucker, published by the Register, but discredited by it to make good its libel, declares that what he said was: "If I were governor of the State, Joseph E. Logan, who was not elected by the county of Monroe, should not take a seat in the legislature of West Virginia until the matter was tested by the proper authorities (meaning the supreme court, and not the military authorities, as construed by the Register). He then states the case as follows, which we repeat in order that our readers may understand the situation and the justice of the attorney general's position:

I have proved my principles by my acts, and before the supreme court urged that court to hear this case; I mean the case of Logan from Monroe county, and not precipitate revolution, anarchy, perjury and outrage on the people of West Virginia. Logan's counsel appeared in the court and refused to consent to the hearing of the case or to submit it to the court, but argued against submission and persuaded two members of the court that he was right, and the case should not be heard until after the legislature adjourns, at which time there will be no necessity or object in having a decision of it. The circuit court of Monroe county, in open session, decided that Logan was not elected, which decision has never been reversed, and I said first what I now say, that if I were governor, he should not have this seat in the legislature unless he was willing to submit his case to the only

tribunal which has the right to review and reverse the circuit court of Monroe county, and that is the supreme court of appeals of this state, and if that court decides he was elected, no one will more cheerfully submit to its decision than I.

With this statement of the attorney general of West Virginia, published in an adjoining column, the Register has the unfairness and audacity to say editorially, after placing upon it a violent construction about its being revolutionary: "Attorney General Rucker's violent declarations are uncalled for, are far from comporting with the dignity of his high office, and are revolutionary in their spirit and incendiary in their tendency."

Let the people compare the statement of the law officer of the state with this comment of the Register and judge whom it is making use of incendiary language. Was there ever ranker misrepresentation exhibited in the politics of this state, or any other state? Was there ever an exhibition of a more dishonorable effort to stand by an infamous libel in the face of a perfectly just and legal proposition to abide by a decision of the highest judicial tribunal, an appeal to which has been postponed for decision to a date after the legislative adjourns? What do the people think of the comparative justice of the stand made by the attorney general and that of the Democratic organ and leaders? Which idea is the more revolutionary?

Bryan Not His Choice.

In connection with Col. Bryan's resignation from the military service and his immediate re-entry into politics, looking to 1900, it is interesting to note that Democratic leaders, particularly those who are officially connected with the national organization, are not welcoming him back to the leadership with open arms. West Virginia Democrats are not altogether disinterested in the development of matters, considering the fact that the first authoritative declaration of hostility against Bryan from an official source comes from Senator Faulkner, who, as chairman of the national congressional-executive committee, may be regarded as fairly reflecting the views of others in authority.

In an interview published in the New York Herald, concerning Mr. Bryan and his new platform, referred to at length in yesterday's Intelligencer, and his aspirations for the nomination as an anti-expansionist in 1900, Senator Faulkner says:

"I do not wish to discourage Mr. Bryan, or to interfere in any way with the realization of his ambitions. I am aware that he is still a candidate for the Democratic nomination, but I will say frankly that he is not my first choice, for I have in my mind a man whom I regard as the ablest leader the Democratic party can boast of to-day. I do not care to mention his name, but he is now a member of the United States senate."

This expression carries with it a significance which will doubtless be appreciated by the friends of Bryan in West Virginia. Mr. Faulkner's own state. Much of the opposition to Mr. Faulkner in the state, and which practically eliminated him from the senatorial list in Democratic circles, is understood to have resulted from his well-known lack of appreciation of Bryan's abilities and his capacity as a leader. It has not been a matter of certainty that Mr. Faulkner ever was a cordial supporter of Mr. Bryan, and it will be recalled in this connection that the free silver league and the Bryanite managers have not been cordially disposed toward Mr. Faulkner, having openly charged him with prejudicing the case in 1896, and with having sacrificed Bryan in the congressional contests in certain states. How true this is, we do not know, but it is a matter of record that the senator was warmly denounced shortly after the election.

The utterance above quoted leaves no question as to Mr. Faulkner's attitude. He does not state the name of the senator whom he prefers to Bryan. He does, however, proceed to show how little faith he has in the Nebraskan's proposition to make anti-expansion one of the features of the 1900 platform in addition to free silver, when he further along declares that he does not believe that "the question of expansion will cut much figure in the next national election."

The Herald also quotes Representative Swanson, of Virginia, as viewing Bryan in a different light, and as declaring: "Bryan is our natural leader, and I am in favor of nominating him again on the same platform." He regards Bryan as the strongest Democrat in the country, and that "if we renominate him on the same issues, with the addition of this new question of expansion, I believe we will win and get the decision."

The indications are that Mr. Bryan will have a fight on his hands to retain the leadership, but with the silver wing still dominant in the organization he has the chances in his favor. Mr. Faulkner to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Who will haul down the flag where it has been planted?" asked the President in his speech at the Atlanta auditorium, in speaking to eight thousand southerners. Cheers from the great audiences were the response. "Who will haul it down? Answer me, ye men of the South. Who is there in Dixie who will haul it down?" again asked the President, with dramatic fervor; and the indescribable scene of enthusiasm in response has inspired the nation; the shouts of approval have been echoed throughout the country and thrilled the hearts of millions.

This is the big week in the holiday trade and the crowds on the streets and in the stores testify that it is unusually lively. It should be borne in mind by purchasers that the tradesmen and merchants who advertise are deserving of patronage, because they are enterprising. Wheeling people admire enterprise because it is a good thing for the general welfare of a community.

Our evening friend has it that the Philippines are peopled with "15,000,000 savages." If this sort of exaggeration keeps up this "anti-expansionist" will have a great deal to answer for when the Day of Judgment arrives.

Emperor William, of Germany, is in the embarrassing position of being a victim to the little habit the sultan of Turkey has of not paying his debts. It turns out that the plot of holy ground at Jerusalem, which the sultan present-

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ed to the emperor, and which the latter in turn presented to the German Catholics, had been purchased from an Arab chief who has not received his pay. With an army of 40,000 Bedouins at his back the chief declares that no foreigner shall set foot on the spot where the transit of the Holy Virgin occurred until the bill is settled. It seems that the sultan is as lax about settling his private accounts as he is in settling claims for the destruction of the property of missionaries in Armenia. We have a little account against him ourselves.

"If this weather continues a wet Christmas may dampen the ardor of a great many people. But we shall hope for the best."

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

An every-day necessity is not necessarily weak-minded.

Advice to pugilists—When in doubt put on the gloves.

Some people attempt to do others that they are dunned by.

No matter what you say to a chemist he always has a retort.

Honestly, like other policies, often runs out the day before the fire.

Talk is cheap. That's why barbers are giving it away with every shave.

The man who is fearless, can go through twice as much trouble as a coward.

Health is better than wealth, but the latter is always an interesting invalid.

When a young man is intoxicated with love he has his own ideas as to what makes the world go round.

We meet a lot of people every day who ask questions merely for the sake of getting a chance to answer them.

Truth is mighty, and will prevail. Of course it will—just as long as that which prevails is labeled truth.

The woman who goes upon the lecture platform to air her rights usually leaves a husband at home nursing his wrongs.

—Chicago Daily News.

Woman's Advance.

Baltimore Sun: In the Woman's Journal the advancement of woman in fifty years is summed up by Col. T. W. Higginson, and it is found that woman has very considerably assimilated herself to modern civilization, financial condition and social habits. No more is heard of the old argument that woman is unfitted for collegiate education. The old prejudice against girls' schools of high grade has vanished, and co-education has gained wide acceptance in all parts of the country. In employment women have invaded men's sphere. They have almost displaced men as teachers in the public schools of some cities. In library work, bookkeeping and typewriting woman begins to hold the field, and there are very many lines of business in which she is numerous.

Our census reports show a permanent change of habits in the direction of substituting women for men in various occupations. As women have become bread-winners they have become much more self-reliant than formerly. Women are found to make good treasurers of societies. They now more frequently have an allowance, and keep bank books, even when not bread-winners. The legal position of women as respects property has been greatly changed in their favor. The movement has, perhaps, gone too far in states where husbands are still liable for wives' debts, while wives are not liable for husbands' debts.

Socially woman has held her own and taken something of man's customs. She has her clubs in some sections in great numbers. These have given great opportunity of work, study and mutual cooperation among women. They have accustomed women to leadership, to rules of order and to business methods. Much of their work may be thus far elementary and superficial, but this evil will cure itself.

Malicious Misrepresentation.

Charleston Mail Tribune: Some of the Democratic newspapers are crediting Attorney General Edgar P. Rucker with stating that he would use troops to seat members of the legislature against whose claims the courts had decided. This is manufactured out of the whole cloth, and is a fair sample of the distorted frenzy of the Democratic press of this state on the current political situation.

Instead of giving expression to the statement credited to him by the Democratic truth-distorters, Attorney General Rucker has declared the very opposite, that he would employ troops, had he the power, to see those members of the legislature whom the courts had declared elected, seated.

What General Rucker said was not in defiance of the courts, but in their support. Instead of making an assault on them, as the Democratic misquoting say he would, General Rucker has placed himself in the attitude of obeying and sustaining the courts.

Dusk and Dew.

In the time when the late dew drenches
The first and the last of flowers
With wonderful wine that quenches
The thirst of the sun's long hours.

We went by the way that passes
Thro' mazes of meadows sweet;
And the blossoms of wintry grasses
Shed joyful tears on our feet.

The slumberous scents of the nightfall
Breathed into the breathless air,
And a single star let his light fall
Over a cloud's dark despair.

We believed the star for a season
And doubted the dawn when we awoke;
Ah! Who would wait for a reason
When a kiss is reaped like a rose?

But the rosetime runs to the rustle,
And memory flowers in pain—
And out in the dusk and the dewtime
We shall never go again. —St. Paul's.

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When a girl takes her married sister's children out walking she tries to look as if she had a lot more of them at home.

When a woman swears she never means it.

As between love and a cigar, they both burn out too soon.

Isn't the petticoat, it's the woman's way of showing them.

Orange blossoms smell stale after thirty; after forty they are sweet again.

When you like a married woman she knows why you don't marry somebody else.

If all the unmarried men who married women think have been too late went abroad there would be no bachelors in the country—New York Press.

Reprisal Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Mason, of Illinois, to-day introduced in the senate a resolution directing the committee on agriculture to inquire into certain legislation pending before the German reichstag calculated to prohibit the importation into Germany of American sausages and other meat products and directing the committee, should the legislation become a law, to report immediately a bill to require the inspection of sugars, meats, wines and other food products which are imported into this country from Germany. The resolution went over until to-morrow. It is as follows:

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the people of the United States that there is pending in the German reichstag legislation which is calculated and intended to prohibit the exportation of American sausages and other meat products into Germany; be it, therefore, Resolved, That the committee of agriculture be herewith instructed to inquire into such legislation, and if the same becomes a law, that said committee be instructed to report forthwith a bill to require the inspection of sugars, meats, wines and all other food products which are imported into this country from the empire of Germany.

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